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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee and substantive examination, please amend the application filed herewith as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-7, 9-11, 49-51.

Please amend claims 8, 12-16, 18-19, 22, 24, 26-28, 31, 35, 39, 41-47 and 75 as shown below:

-- 8. (Amended) A purified and isolated seven transmembrane receptor polypeptide [according to claim 1] comprising an amino acid sequence at least 90% identical to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 14, or a fragment thereof comprising an epitope specific to said seven transmembrane receptor polypeptide.